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	Examiner Catherine Simone	Art Unit 1772	

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

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- Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on July 7, 2003.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-8 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-8 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
- Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- 11) ☐ The proposed drawing correction filed on _____ is: a) ☐ approved b) ☐ disapproved by the Examiner.
- If approved, corrected drawings are required in reply to this Office action.
- 12) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 119 and 120

- 13) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.
- 14) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) (to a provisional application).
- a) ☐ The translation of the foreign language provisional application has been received.
- 15) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 120 and/or 121.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Continued Examination Under 37 CFR 1.114

1. A request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, including the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e), was filed in this application after final rejection. Since this application is eligible for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, and the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e) has been timely paid, the finality of the previous Office action has been withdrawn pursuant to 37 CFR 1.114. Applicant's submission filed on July 7, 2003 has been entered.

Repeated Rejections

2. The 35 U.S.C. 103 rejection of claims 1-8 over Watanabe (EP 0 699 521) in view of Watanabe et al. (US 5,478,617) is repeated for the reasons previously set forth in Paper #6, Paragraph #3, Pages 2-4.

Response to Amendment

3. The declaration under 37 CFR 1.132 filed July 7, 2003 is insufficient to overcome the 35 U.S.C. 103 rejection of claims 1-8 over Watanabe (EP 0 699 521) in view of Watanabe et al. (US 5,478,617) as set forth in the last Office action because: showing is not commensurate in scope with the claims. It refer(s) only to the system described in the above referenced application and not to the individual claims of the application. Thus, there is no showing that the objective evidence of nonobviousness is commensurate in scope with the claims. See MPEP § 716.

In view of the foregoing, when all of the evidence is considered, the totality of the rebuttal evidence of nonobviousness fails to outweigh the evidence of obviousness.

Response to Arguments

4. Applicant's arguments filed July 7, 2003 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive. Applicant states that "in the present invention, the mixed resin containing polypropylene used in the fourth layer and optionally also in the second layer is used to provide flexibility, heat resistance, formability and pinhole resistance to the multilayered film (see page 11, line 25 to page 12, line 4 of the specification). Thus the purpose and effect of the mixed resin containing polypropylene in the fourth layer of the multilayered film of the present invention are entirely different from the purpose and effect of the polypropylene-containing inner layer of the multilayered film of US'617. Clearly none of these properties and particularly the greater pinhole resistance provided by the claimed fourth layer of the multilayered film of the present invention is suggested by either of the cited references." In response to applicant's argument that the references fail to show certain features of applicant's invention, it is noted that the features upon which applicant relies (i.e., flexibility, heat resistance, formability, pinhole resistance) are not recited in the rejected claim(s). Although the claims are interpreted in light of the specification, limitations from the specification are not read into the claims. See *In re Van Geuns*, 988 F.2d 1181, 26 USPQ2d 1057 (Fed. Cir. 1993).

Furthermore, Applicant states "As shown in the Declaration, three multilayered films were produced in which the first, second, third and fifth layers in each were the same as claimed and disclosed in EP '521. However, the fourth layer of film (1) contained polypropylene while

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the fourth layers of films (2) and (3) did not. Rather they were mixed resins similar to that of the second layer. See Table 1 on page 4 of Declaration. The pinhole test performed on each film is also set forth on page 4." However, it is to be pointed out again that the declaration is insufficient because showing is not commensurate in scope with the claims. The claims are much broader than what is being shown in the declaration. The mixed resins shown in the declaration used components, which were not claimed in the present invention, i.e. ethylene • 1-butene copolymer and isotactic polypropylene.


Conclusion

5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Catherine Simone whose telephone number is (703)605-4297. The examiner can normally be reached on 9:30-6:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Harold Pyon can be reached on (703) 308-4251. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (703) 872-9306.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 308-0661.


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